

Khost Province, Afghanistan, Sergeant Baumann spotted an improvised explosive device from his Humvee. As his fiancé explained, "They were going downhill and he saw the land mine and he was telling them to stop, and you can't stop a Humvee going downhill, and he told them to veer to the left, which made him take the brunt of the explosion. He wouldn't have had it any other way." Sgt. Baumann died of his injuries; every other serviceman in the Humvee survived.

In the wake of his death, we honor his commitment to our country, his tremendous sacrifice, and his devotion to his comrades-in-arms. As they mourn their great loss, our thoughts are with his family: his father Robert; his mother Cindy; his stepfather Gary Lohman; his sister Christina; and his fiancé, Lauren Smith. I pledge to them all the support a grateful nation can give.

HONORING THE 95TH BIRTHDAY OF ROBERT SIDNEY CLOTFELTER

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. GINGREY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Robert Sidney Clotfelter, who is celebrating his 95th birthday this week. Sidney Clotfelter is a life-long Georgian who has spent the majority of his 95 years enriching lives of citizens in the heart of my district—Marietta, Georgia. Born in Fulton County, Georgia on September 14, 1913, Sidney was one of five children to Charles Thomas and Era Northcutt Clotfelter.

Growing up in Marietta during the Great Depression, Sidney sold vegetables from the back of a Model T Ford to help make ends meet for his family.

Sidney attended Marietta High School and graduated in 1932, where he was voted Best All-Around Senior. After high school, he attended a local business college, and then studied two years at Georgia Tech. During World War II, he served his country as an officer in the Army with the Corps of Engineers.

Sidney has been an active member of the First Presbyterian Church since 1928, where he has served as Deacon and has been on the Property Committee for twenty years.

He has owned and operated a number of businesses, including a contracting company for commercial and industrial construction. He built schools, churches and various commercial buildings around Marietta, and did construction work for Southern Bell and AT&T in every state in the Southeast. For several years he worked for Lockheed Martin in maintenance and construction.

In 1992, he was honored with the Marietta High School Distinguished Alumni Award. Sidney Clotfelter has been a member of the Marietta Rotary Club since 1946 and served as the Club's president from 1962 to 1963.

Sidney Clotfelter has contributed much to the communities of Marietta, Cobb County, and the entire state of Georgia during his 95 years. His donations of time, work and money to a wide variety of organizations and causes have been substantial, continual and selfless—often giving anonymously. He is a dedicated family man who is blessed to have all four of his children living near him on the

property where he was raised. Sidney has spent thirty-two wonderful years married to Barbara Porter Clotfelter and, along with his four children, has eight grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in wishing Robert Sidney Clotfelter a happy and healthy 95th birthday and thanking him for a lifetime of service to his community.

RECOGNIZING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF MARIAN HIGH SCHOOL

HON. JOE KNOLLENBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. KNOLLENBERG. Madam Speaker, I want to recognize Marian High School in Bloomfield Hills, MI as they celebrate their 50th anniversary on September 14, 2008. The school continues to be a beacon of academic excellence that nurtures future generations of leaders.

Marian High School is a Catholic, college preparatory high school for young women founded by the Sisters, Servants of the Immaculate Heart of Mary in 1959. The congregation continues to sponsor the school and is still an active part of the administration. The school's mission is to ensure, within a Christian environment, an excellent education built on a strong academic curriculum, which will enable young women to value human diversity and live responsible lives of leadership and action based on gospel values.

Marian's philosophy of melding Christian values with scholastic achievement has proven to be one of success. This is exemplified by the fact that Marian students have consistently performed above the state and national averages on the SAT and ACT. In addition, Marian offers 20 honor level courses and 12 advanced placement courses, which allow students to earn college credits. The faculty has also shown a commitment to improving the quality of the education students are receiving with over 60 percent of them holding an advanced degree.

Madam Speaker, Marian High School continues to be one of the finest educational institutions in Michigan. I wish to congratulate the administration, faculty, students, and alumni on their 50th Anniversary and hope for many years of prosperity.

25TH ANNIVERSARY OF TRI-COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH AND MENTAL RETARDATION

HON. KEVIN BRADY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. BRADY of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 25th anniversary of the Tri-County Mental Health and Mental Retardation being designated as the MHMR center for Montgomery, Liberty and Walker counties in southeast Texas. I ask my colleagues and those visitors in the House Chamber to join me in congratulating Tri-County MHMR and applauding the work they've done over the past quarter century.

Twenty-six years ago, a small group of community leaders joined together to make the dream of local MHMR services a reality—the dream they shared became a reality on September 1, 1983. What initially was only an outpatient service center grew to have a budget of \$1.5 million and 46 employees by the end of the first year. Tri-County MHMR grew from these humble beginnings into a \$22 million system that serves nearly 7,000 people and has more than 350 employees.

It is only through the dedication of the founders, the continued work of the employees, and the support of the community that Tri-County MHMR has seen such tremendous success and been able to make such a positive impact on the community.

If you name the service chances are Tri-County MHMR offers it; from outpatient psychiatric services, nursing and counseling to supported employment, habilitation and vocational training for both adults and children. The impact they've had has been felt locally and with the help of Federal grants, they continue to offer new services and provide better care. Only last year, they received over \$1.3 million to build additional supported apartment housing in Montgomery County. Tri-County MHMR continues to grow and identify new areas where they can contribute and, with the help of the State of Texas, the Montgomery County Hospital District, and the Montgomery County United Way, Tri-County MHMR will open a much needed Crisis Stabilization Unit in 2009.

It is an honor to recognize such an impressive group of individuals and such a noble organization. I hope all Americans can learn from the example Tri-County MHMR continues to make and step forward to fill a need in their local community, help other people, and in a small way help make life better for someone else.

TRIBUTE TO DR. ICHII TASAKI

HON. CHRIS VAN HOLLEN

OF MARYLAND

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the outstanding achievements of my constituent Dr. Ichiji Tasaki. Dr. Tasaki has worked at the National Institutes of Health for 54 years, since November 1953, and has made invaluable contributions to the scientific community.

Dr. Tasaki was born in Japan in 1910 and attended medical school at Keio University Medical School. Upon earning his medical degree, Dr. Tasaki began a career in research. After completing a Rockefeller Fellowship in Switzerland and England, Dr. Tasaki immigrated to the United States in 1951, where he began work at the Central Institute for the Deaf in St. Louis, Missouri, helping to develop the field of audiology, which serves as a foundation for diagnosing and treating numerous hearing disorders.

Dr. Tasaki began his career at the National Institutes of Health as a Section Chief in the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Blindness. He went on to become a Laboratory Chief and later a Senior Research Scientist at the National Institute of Mental Health, where he remained for twenty-two years. Most recently, Dr. Tasaki was associated with the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development.

Dr. Tasaki has made countless contributions to scientific understanding. He is well known for discovering the insulating function of the myelin sheath, the salutatory feature of nerve conduction, and the rapid swelling of nerve fibers in association with their excitation. He also developed an important method of intracellular perfusion and the new method of detecting heat production associated with nerve excitation. Dr. Tasaki's work is referred to in biology textbooks, and he is recognized as the most senior author of "Scholarpedia."

Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend Dr. Ichiji Tasaki for his significant contributions to scientific understanding. I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the advances he has made to improve the quality of life throughout the world.

RECOGNIZING BAKER CHAPEL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH UPON THEIR 100TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. MICHAEL C. BURGESS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. BURGESS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church on its 100th anniversary.

Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church was founded in 1908 as a place of worship and institution of service to its community. The Reverend Walter McDonald, current Pastor, and the church membership have sought to minister to the spiritual, intellectual, physical, and emotional needs of the people of the surrounding area. For a century, BCAMEC has stood as an esteemed religious institution, serving as a beacon in Tarrant County to reach out to its neighbors and serve the misfortunate.

I recognize Baker Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church for their accomplishment of a century of service to the Fort Worth community. It is my privilege to represent the members of Baker Chapel in the 26th district of Texas.

TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM BYRD SPENCER

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Madam Speaker, I rise to honor the accomplishments of William Byrd Spencer of Washington, DC. William Byrd Spencer, known to most as Bill, is considered one of Washington, DC's preeminent labor/management specialists and political strategists. Bill has worked in the government affairs division at the Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), one of the Nation's largest construction trade associations, for 19 years, serving as ABC's chief political strategist for the last 8 years. During his time at ABC, Bill has covered all aspects of their government affairs activities and policy making, including legislative, political, legal and regulatory affairs. Many on Capitol Hill credit Bill's hard

work and tireless dedication to free enterprise and merit shop construction as a primary reason ABC is considered one of the most influential organizations in Washington today. Bill is widely respected by his peers, and counsels many Members of Congress on a variety of issues.

Bill received his bachelor of arts in International Relations from the University of Southern California and his juris doctor from the University of the Pacific's McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento. Bill came to Washington in 1987 to serve in the Reagan Administration where he worked in the Office of the Secretary at the United States Department of Commerce. In addition Bill has served in high level positions in numerous campaigns around the country.

Above all Bill is a consummate family man. He always finds the time to attend his daughter Kelsey's dance recitals and his son Will's baseball games with his wife Allison.

I know I am not the only Member of the United States Congress who wishes Bill all the best and to thank him for everything he has done.

HONORING CARL DICKERSON

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Ms. LEE. Madam Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the life and contributions of Mr. Carl Dickerson as his family and friends join together to celebrate the joyous occasion of his 70th birthday. An innovative entrepreneur, community advocate, and tireless champion for civil rights and equality, Mr. Dickerson has contributed immensely to our society.

Carl Dickerson was born in McKeesport, Pennsylvania on September 12, 1938. Born into a loving family, Carl established a deep value system centered on hard work and close relationships which he has carried with him through his many lifetime accomplishments.

After graduating from high school, Carl served his country and pursued his education with an endless voracity and thirst for knowledge. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army College of Emergency Administrative Analysis in Battlecreek, Michigan, as well as of the U.S. Army Staff College of Nuclear Science in Sheeps Head Bay, New York. In 1960, Mr. Dickerson received his degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania and went on to complete graduate work at Temple University.

Carl Dickerson's life has been filled with groundbreaking business ventures, community contributions, and accomplishments both as a recognized leader and astute businessman. For four years, Mr. Dickerson served our young people as a dedicated educator, teaching at West Philadelphia High School in Pennsylvania and at the University of California, San Francisco. In the business world, he served as the president of Echo911 and the Principal at IGP Tech.

Carl has always been relentlessly devoted to his community, and has spent the majority of his life donating his time and efforts to countless professional affiliations where he has served in numerous capacities and board positions. Just a small example of his many commitments includes being a member of

both the National and California Associations of Health Underwriters, founding member of the Academic Council of Insurance Planners, and Associate of the Black MBA Association. He has held myriad board positions for such community benefit organizations as the Los Angeles Community Lending Corporation, the Los Angeles Urban League, the Black Business Association, and the Center for Non Profit Management.

In light of all of these impressive accomplishments, however, Carl's most notable contribution has been as the creative and supportive president of Dickerson Employee Benefits, which he founded in 1965. As a result of Carl's activities, both political and civic, Dickerson Employee Benefits has maintained strong roots in minority communities throughout Southern California. The mission statement of Carl's business closely emulates the mission of Carl's life, which he lives up to everyday: "the belief that all people should have equal access to affordable healthcare."

Carl Dickerson is a successful entrepreneur who has never forgotten his roots, has always fought on behalf of those most in need in his community, and has remained acutely aware that equal opportunity and equal access for people of color is a cause still very much alive and in need of leaders like him. Most importantly, Carl has used his personal success to bring others up behind him.

Fortunately, I have had the honor of witnessing this man at work many times. His positive outlook, energetic spirit, and warm humor are always present no matter what task he has before him. Carl is constantly coming up with creative new ideas and inspiring people to soar to new heights and attempt things they never thought they would be able to do. Carl Dickerson is a man who can produce a sense of self-confidence and adventure in others which they would never find within themselves without his encouragement and guidance. In this way, not only is he a talented and successful person himself, but he has the incredibly rare ability to drive others to realize their full potential.

On behalf of the 9th Congressional District, it is my great pleasure to join Carl Dickerson's mother, wife, children, grandchildren, in-laws, and a host of loving family and friends as we celebrate the 70th birthday of this great man. Congratulations, and I wish you all the best in the coming years.

ON THE INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO EDUCATIONAL EQUITY MADE BY JAMES KETELSEN

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, September 11, 2008

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise in honor of James Ketelsen, the founder of Project GRAD, an education reform model that is transforming the hopes of tens of thousands of students and families across the country. Mr. Ketelsen has announced his intention of resigning as chair of the Project GRAD USA board of directors, and will become chair emeritus later this fall.

Mr. Ketelsen is the former CEO and chairman of Tenneco. Under Mr. Ketelsen's leadership, in 1988 Tenneco began to fund a 4-year